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Yesterday in Review

Saturday marked the climax of the Fifth Cadet Training Group and 2003 Minnesota Wing Encampment. Reveille and PT came and went routinely and then the cadets changed into their blues uniforms for breakfast.

Afterwards the command staff marched their flights back to the barracks area for morning formation with C/Major Sobolewski. She gave more words of encouragement to the cadets and warned that encampment was not over yet—there was still a whole day ahead, and it was a busy day indeed.

The events began with the Drill Competition. C/Captain Pomerleau, the Leadership Officer, was the cadet in charge of judging the flights on their drilling ability. Although all the flights were skilled in drill, Foxtrot stood out as the most proficient. They were awarded First Place in Drill Competition.

Next came the Drug Demand Reduction class with Chaplain Mikitta. He thoroughly explained the ways that Civil Air Patrol tries to aid the drug demand reduction effort. After he concluded his class the flights had some time to themselves before lunch.

The next class was Emergency Services with Captain Dew. He taught the cadets all about the various positions of ES that cadets could obtain and the different missions of CAP ES.

With all the classes out of the way the cadets had about an hour to begin cleaning and packing before the transport vans began loading passengers and heading to Mauston for the banquet.

The Masters of Ceremonies for the banquet were C/Lt Col Gulbranson and C/Captain Burgio, the Cadet Deputy and Cadet Executive

Officer, respectively. They began the evening with a few jokes, gags and skits before getting down to business. They shared with the cadets their thoughts on the week and the future. Several others spoke including C/Major Sobolewski, CTG Commander, Major Mandel, Commandant for Cadets, Major Kilian, Encampment Commander, and Chaplain Mikitta, Director of Cadet Programs for Minnesota Wing. During dinner a slideshow with many snapshots was played. Cadets enjoyed looking for themselves, friends and staff members. After that a video, produced by C/1st Lt Atkins, C/PAO and C/2nd Lt Sperling, COG, was played. Every person in the room enjoyed the approximately seventeen-minute film showing various still shots and video clips from the week with an eclectic soundtrack behind it all.

After the video was played and all the awards were handed out the masses boarded back on to the vans to head back to Volk Field for an outdoor dance/party to celebrate the graduation from basic encampment. The party lasted all the way until 2300 hours when it was time for lights out.

—By C/1st Lt Andrew Atkins, EIC



Today's Scheduled Events

PACK AND GO HOME!!!

BRING IT HOME: **WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT**

In case you didn't hear enough of it, or you are so sick of hearing it that you have zoned it out and it's meaning ceases to be, I will lay it down for you one more time.

The whole premise of encampment is to build stronger leaders for tomorrow. The harder the staff works to train their cadets, the better the cadets of tomorrow will be. Hopefully the trend will continue for many generations of cadets and the cadet corps will be strong forever.

It isn't all done at encampment. You, being the newly-graduated-from-encampment cadet that you are, can go back to your home units and teach others what you have learned. It doesn't end at CAP meetings, either. You could never go to another CAP event ever again and still carry with you're the lessons you've learned at the Fifth CTG.



It is crucial that you share with everyone you know what you learned. If you go home and keep it all to yourself you aren't helping anyone out. Not everyone can be fortunate enough to attend an encampment, so it is up to you to spread the word and make this world a better place.

Coming Back: Staff

As C/Major Sobolewski said, "We aren't going to be around forever." It's up to the younger cadets to lead the way into the future. The Staff Development Squadron's motto, "Here to lead the way," basically sums up the situation. The older cadets are slowly getting phased out and becoming obsolete (also known as turning senior) and it is up to the younger and fresher cadets to take hold of the reigns and lead the way. The SDS is already on the right path, and you can also follow their lead. Apply for a staff position or for SDS next year. It is guaranteed that you will learn just as much on staff as you did as a basic cadet. The sheer satisfaction and joy of training new cadets and seeing them grow and prosper and leave encampment as new people can bring a tear or two to anyone's eye (as seen at the banquet). Staff positions can often times be hard to obtain, but that only further proves how enjoyable it is. Everyone should apply at least. After five CTG's I can guarantee that it is worth it.

**"Ah, but a man's reach should
exceed his grasp, or what's a
heaven for?"**

~ Robert Browning

Farewell Fifth CTG

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